

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Beardstown, Illinois

April 4, 2023

**Roll Call** The City Council of the City of Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois, met in regular session Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Beardstown City Hall, 105 West Third Street at 6:23 p.m. At the above time and place, the following members were present: Mayor Tim Harris, City Clerk Brian Ruch, Alderpersons Gabe Seward, Keith Schramm, Allie Dawson, Mary Davis, Sally Lael' Shawn Taylor and Lisa Buhlig. Absent: none. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

**Remote Participation** Motion by Buhlig, seconded by Lael "To allow Ron Culves to participate remotely via electronic means." passed by 7-0 roll call vote. Yea: Buhlig, Davis, Dawson, Lael, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: none. (Culves could not attend in-person due to employment reasons)

Alderman Culves joined the meeting electronically.

**Public Comment** There were no public comments.

**Minutes Approved** Motion by Lael, seconded by Dawson "That the reading of the minutes from the meeting held March 21, 2023 be dispensed with, that the minutes be approved as published." passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Consent Agenda Filed** Motion by Lael, seconded by Dawson "That the Consent Agenda be approved." passed unanimously by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

<u>Water Superintendent Report</u>	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
Gallons Pumped	14,813,586	177,090,206

<u>Police Chief's Report</u>	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
Calls Answered	481	6,369
Criminal Arrests	2	84
Traffic Arrests	10	206
Traffic Stops	20	404
Warrants Served	9	49
City Ordinance Citations	0	6
Criminal Damage Reports	5	66
Thefts, Felony	8	82
Thefts, Misdemeanor	0	67
Burglaries	2	32
Batteries	0	37
Disorderly Conduct	0	18
Accidents	20	173

<u>Fire Chief's Report</u>	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
City Fires	n/a	188
Rural Fires	n/a	38
Mutual Aid	n/a	3
Rescue Calls	<u>n/a</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	n/a	226

Mutual Aid & Rescue Calls are included in the City Fires & Rural Fires Totals  
There was no report submitted for March 2023

Code Enforcement Report- March 2023

No Report Submitted

Zoning Officer Report- March 2023

No Report Submitted

Disbursements for the period ending April 4, 2023.

Memorandum of Understanding-FOP (Hourly Wages)

Motion by Seward, seconded by Dawson "That the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police increasing hourly wages for specific shifts be approved."

Motion by Culves, seconded by Schramm "To amend the effective date to April 1, 2023." After discussion, Culves withdrew his motion.

Original motion passed by 8-0 roll call vote. Yea: Buhlig, Culves, Davis, Dawson, Lael, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: none.

Purchase-Mower Cemetery Department

Motion by Schramm, seconded by Taylor "That the purchase of a mower for the Cemetery Department in the amount of \$10,479.00 from Herter Sales & Service be approved." passed by 8-0 roll call vote. Yea: Buhlig, Culves, Davis, Dawson, Lael, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: none.

Shriners Carnival City Square

Motion by Dawson, seconded by Schramm "That a request from the Shriners to have Connors Family Amusements Carnival on the City Square from April 21-23, 2023 be approved." passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Harris informed the Cass County electronic recycling event last weekend went well.

Alderwomen Buhlig asked if there was a place for citizens to go for shelter during times of severe weather and maybe a community storm shelter could be considered. Buhlig asked if the health department could be contacted regarding the cleanup of the area in the 1000 Block of W 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M. on the motion of Davis, seconded by Dawson.

Submitted by,

B. J. Reel  
City Clerk